



Connecticut Chapter NECA, Inc.
144 Webster Square Road
Berlin, Connecticut 06037
860-259-5340 • Fax: 860-259-5343
www.necact.org

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Public Hearing: Senate Bill No. 350 An Act Codifying Prevailing Wage Rates

March 5, 2020

Chairwoman Porter, Chairwoman Kushner, Ranking Member Miner, Ranking Member Polletta, and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, Connecticut Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Associations, Inc., (CT Chapter NECA, Inc.) support the passage of Bill No. 350.

The CT Chapter, NECA, Inc., chartered in 1951, represents electrical construction firms throughout the state who employ members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The parties participate in collective bargaining, which results in the negotiated terms and conditions under which electrical work is performed.

This bill seeks to codify what is already in practice. The U.S. Department of Labor determines the Davis-Bacon rates by conducting wage surveys, wherein they survey the rates paid by contractors, by classification of work, and by certain geographic areas in every state. In Connecticut, the rates determined through collective bargaining are the prevailing wage rate.

The Connecticut Department of Labor must update any changes to the prevailing wage rates every July 1st. Unfortunately, however, the U.S. DOL has not been timely or reliable in updating their wage determinations. This has led to administrative delays within the CT DOL and unnecessary confusion for contractors.

CT Chapter, NECA believes that the passage of Senate Bill No. 350, An Act Codifying Prevailing Wage Rates will result in more efficient administration of the prevailing wage statute and reduce unnecessary confusion that arises under the existing process.

Thank you for your consideration and support in the passage of this bill.

Please contact Michael Moconyi, 860.259-5340, or mikem@necact.org if you have any questions or need additional information.